

REMARKS

Reexamination and reconsideration of the application as amended are requested. Support for amended claim 1 is found in the original specification, page 5, lines 28-32. Support for amended claim 12 is found from figure 1.

The examiner's rejection of claims 6 and 12 as "indefinite, under 35 U.S.C. 112, is respectfully traversed. Amended claims 6 and 12 no longer contain the language deemed indefinite by the examiner.

The examiner's rejection of claim 6 as "anticipated", under 35 U.S.C. 102, is respectfully traversed. The examiner rejects this claim as being unpatentable over Ali (US 6,016,472). Amended claim 6 specifies that the Flash to ROM interface 18 executes the read command with respect to the ROM memory cells 12 but cannot update data stored in the ROM memory cells 12. The interface 122 of Ali cannot execute a read command with respect to the ROM memory cells 312 of Ali as seen from figure 3 of Ali.

The examiner's rejection of claim 12 as "obvious", under 35 U.S.C. 103, is respectfully traversed. The examiner rejects this claim as being unpatentable over Nojima (US 6,250,827) in view of Ali. Amended claim 12 specifies that the non-ROM to ROM interface is operatively disposed between the non-ROM memory control and the ROM memory cells 12. In the examiner's Nojima-Ali combination (wherein Nojima's printer ASIC replaces Ali's DSP), the non-ROM memory control (located at 310 in figure 3 of Ali) is operatively disposed between the non-ROM to ROM interface (located at 122 in figure 3 of Ali) and the ROM memory cells (located at 312 in figure 3 of Ali). Thus, Ali does not teach, suggest, or describe that the non-ROM to ROM interface is operatively disposed between the non-ROM memory control and the ROM memory cells as required by applicant's claim 12.

Inasmuch as each of the objections and rejections has been answered by the above remarks and amended claims, it is respectfully requested that the objections and rejections be withdrawn, and that this application be passed to issue.

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